Now, More Than Ever, Solidarity!

Teamsters focus on protecting jobs during nation’s slow recovery

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters and its union locals are turning up the heat on federal lawmakers.

“Thirty million Americans who want a full-time job can’t find one,” said James P. Hoffa, IBT General President. “We need to fix our trade policy, especially with China. We need to rebuild our infrastructure. We need to subsidize growth industries that create good-quality jobs.

On October 2, Hoffa addressed Teamsters from all over the country at the “One Nation Working Together” rally at the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Hoffa urged Teamsters to send a message to their representatives in Congress to “resist Corporate America’s self-protection efforts and put America first!”

“Like it or not, the federal government accounts for about 20 percent of our economy. The federal government should be buying goods and services from companies headquartered in America that employ American workers,” said Hoffa.

Hoffa is urging local unions to push the message to their own Congressmen and Congresswomen, especially those up for reelection, as well as new candidates seeking office. “Waiting and hoping for things to get better won’t work,” said Hoffa. “Far too many people are finding out that working hard and following the rules isn’t enough anymore.”
From the President

A Heartfelt Thanks

I can’t begin to thank all the members and their families who were there for me during what turned out to be the most difficult summer of my life.

My wife of almost 25 years, René, passed away on August 19, after a long battle with cancer. I was privileged to care for her and witness her quiet strength, not only during the final few weeks, but in the years following her initial diagnosis. She was a brave warrior, optimistic about her prognosis and determined to keep life as normal as possible for her children and myself. Sometimes, it doesn’t work out the way you hope. You need to trust in God’s plan. Thankfully, we had family and an army of Teamster friends to support us.

On behalf of our daughters and son, please accept my deep gratitude for the food, the assistance, and the occasional shoulder to cry on this summer. My sincere thanks to everyone who has sent condolences since. It’s times like these that drive it home what union is all about.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 61 recipients of the Teamsters Local 916 college scholarships. Every one of you has talent and big plans and an opportunity to make a difference in the world. If you haven’t noticed lately, the human race needs you more than ever. We’re exceedingly proud to stand with your parents and grandparents and wish you tremendous success.

— Tony Barr, Local 916 President

Hunting Season is Here!

Have fun but please be safe – in tree stands, while hunting with friends, even while driving in wooded and rural areas populated with deer.

And an early heads up to watch out for our highway maintainers this winter season. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

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The Design Behind the Words

If you were wondering who works the magic behind the scenes for The Hall Report, meet Melanie Miller. Melanie, a graphic designer with 30 years of experience, has designed this newsletter since its inception in 1998. She and writer Michelle Green are always looking for a good story about our members. If you have one, contact The Hall. We’ll pass it on.

Until next time,

— Tony Barr, Local 916 President

Joint Council 25’s semi-trailer shows the colors during the 2010 Illinois State Fair Parade.

Teamsters from New York to California rallied in Washington, D.C. on October 2 to President Hoffa’s message of “Jobs Now!”

René Barr

Melanie Miller
Congratulations to the Local 916 Scholarship Recipients – $500 Awards

**Alisha Abbott**
Local 916 Parent: Michelle Abbott
Pro Tech Central Bureau
SIUE

**Erin Adams**
Local 916 Parent: Charles Adams
Pro Tech Central Bureau
SIUC

**Kylie Allen**
Local 916 Parent: Catherine Allen
Pro Tech Central Bureau
Western Illinois Univ.

**Mallory Althoff**
Local 916 Parent: Jean Althoff
Pro Tech Div. 7
Maryville Univ.

**Travis Anderson**
Local 916 Parent: David Anderson
Pro Tech Div. 8
Purdue

**Kristen Arentsen**
Local 916 Parent: Russell Arentsen
Pro Tech Div. 8
Murray State

**Michelle Arentsen**
Local 916 Parent: Russell Arentsen
Pro Tech Div. 8
Univ. of IL Urbana

**Amanda Ataiyan**
Local 916 Parent: Farhad Ataiyan
Pro Tech Div. 8
McKendree Univ.

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IDOT Highway Maint.
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**Brittany Dalton**
Local 916 Parent: Stanley Dalton, Jr.
Lewis Bakeries
Lewis & Clark CC

**Andrew D. Devine**
Local 916 Parent: Daniel Devine
Pro Tech Div. 3
DePaul Univ.

**Kristi Devine**
Local 916 Parent: Daniel Devine
Pro Tech Div. 3
SIUC

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Local 916 Parent: Mary Dunavan
Pro Tech Div. 3
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**Brian Galecki**
Local 916 Parent: Gary Galecki
Pro Tech Central Bureau
Univ. of IL Urbana

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**Moving?**
To change your address, contact us toll free at **877-349-4916**.

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Amanda Graham
Local 916 Parent: Susan Graham
Pro Tech Div. 6
Barnes Jewish College

John Graham
Local 916 Parent: Susan Graham
Pro Tech Div. 6
SIUC

Molly Graham
Local 916 Parent: Anthony Graham
Pro Tech Div. 9
St. Louis College

Elizabeth Henley
Local 916 Parent: Harold Henley
Pepsi Co.
Western Illinois Univ.

Morgan Isaiah
Local 916 Parent: Oscar Isaiah
Pro Tech Div. 8
SIUC

Rachel Jennings
Local 916 Parent: Mike Jennings
Pro Tech Central Bureau
Univ. of IL Urbana

Alexander Johnson
Local 916 Parent: Jason Johnson
Pro Tech Central Bureau
Illinois State

Allison Kattleman
Local 916 Parent: Gregory Kattleman
Nestlé, USA
SIUE

Lucas Kesterson
Local 916 Parent: Jeff Kesterson
USF Holland
Indiana Univ.–Purdue

Amanda Kidd
Local 916 Parent: Lisa Kidd
Pro Tech Central Bureau
Univ. of IL Urbana

Jason Kidd
Local 916 Parent: Lance Kidd
Pro Tech Central Bureau
Univ. of IL Urbana

Kelly Kukla
Local 916 Parent: James Kukla
Pro Tech Div. 1
St. Louis Univ.

Krista Ladage
Local 916 Parent: Kim Ladage
Coca Cola Co.
Lincoln Land CC

Bailie Lantz
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We need your updated home address!

Please call Sue Fickas at (217) 522-7832 or toll free (877) 349-4916 or email sues@teamsters916.org to let us know if you've moved. We want you to stay informed of all Local 916 news that impacts your livelihood. It only takes a minute!

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Univ. of Missouri

Jason Tockstein
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Purdue

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Illinois Central College

2010 SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the Local 916 Scholarship Recipients – $500 Awards

Local 916 Scholarship Recipients!

Members would love to hear about your successes, your plans for the future, and how the scholarship awards have helped you.

Send your story to Sue Fickas at The Hall.

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Local 916 Holiday Party
December 18, 2010 • 6-8 p.m.
Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center
3280 Northfield Drive
Springfield, IL

Quincy Holiday Party
November 10, 2010 • 6-8 p.m.
Stoney Creek Inn
3809 E. Broadway
Quincy, IL

Local 916 General Membership Meetings
All meetings are held at 6 p.m. at The Hall
4th Annual Local 916 Steward’s Dinner Dance

Local union stewards celebrate together at the Crowne Plaza September 18

BOTTOM LEFT: Office Staff – Esther Sparks, Sue Fickas, Teri Hanner

BOTTOM RIGHT: Linda Clatfelter, Jody and Jodi Mauck, Lisa and Jeff Likes
TOP: Teri Haner and Mark Hinds

MIDDLE: Stewards of USF Holland – Mike and Lisa Manis, Kathy and Scott Hodges, Chuck and Cheryl King

BOTTOM: Our very own Tony Barr, jamming out with the Rock of Ages Band
Butch Kendall To Finally Focus on Hobbies
Capitol Group driver retires after more than 36 years on the road

He was a union driver who spent all but one year of his career sitting in the cab of a semi-trailer, so it was ironic that it was his feet that finally told Butch Kendall it was time to retire.

“When Capitol Group moved into the old Butternut building in Springfield last year, I started in the warehouse, packing orders,” said Kendall. “I liked it but I was walking about 50 miles a day and my body finally couldn’t take it anymore.”

The walking on cement all day might have been the final straw but Kendall said things started down a path toward retirement about four years ago, after a tornado tore apart the Capitol Group building in Springfield.

Everything changed after that, said Kendall, who was relocated to the company’s Peoria warehouse and commuted every day for a while. He said he will always be grateful that the company kept him and his co-workers on after the disaster. He never missed a paycheck but things were different. And then there was his health.

“About six months after the tornado, I went to a routine doctor appointment and told him about the pain I was having in one of my hands,” said Kendall. “He did some tests and sent me right to a specialist. The specialist told me I owed that doctor my life. The main artery to my heart was 99 percent blocked. I was two weeks away from a heart attack.”

A stent was put in and Kendall went right back to work, but this time he was on the prescription medicine Crestor. Whether it was the heart or the drug, Kendall found himself with about half the strength he used to have.

He finally retired on September 14, 2010. At first, it was a little hard to get used to, not surprising for a man who hasn’t drawn a single week of unemployment since 1969.

“I returned from three years running the rivers in Vietnam,” said the U.S. Navy veteran. “I started my first full time job three days later.”

Kendall started driving in 1973 – delivering coal to the local power plant. He joined the Teamsters, then got on with Capitol Group in Springfield. In the late 1970s and 80s, he ran the border states but most of his career was driving in Illinois.

“I liked the independence,” said Kendall. “I used to joke that I’d leave before anyone...
arrived and return after they were gone, so the only one I’d really answer to was the clipboard, checking in and out.

Now, the only one he checks in with is Patty, the wife he met in the mid-1960s, six weeks before he left for Vietnam. The two see their only child, Kimberly, of Green Bay, WI, several times a year, often joining her to cheer on the Green Bay Packers, thanks to Kim’s season tickets. They are also in the middle of building a garage on the property they own next door to their house.

However, Patty generally avoids the “man cave,” as Kendall describes it. That’s where he has his pool table and his enormous collection of videos and vintage music, downloaded from free sites online. “The man cave got lots of use before I retired and still does,” said Kendall, with a laugh.

“It’s sure enjoyable to not have to answer to a clock,” said Kendall. “Now, I can cut part of the yard, take a break, cut some more, and take another break.”

Local 916 Officers Receive White Ballot

The results of the nomination of election that was held on September 5, 2010, are as follows:

Officers are:
- Tony Barr President
- David Rush Vice President
- Tom Clatfelter Secretary Treasurer
- Leo Carroll Recording Secretary
- Lenny Reynolds Trustee
- Jim Franklin Trustee
- Dave Shafer Trustee

The results of the Nominations were one candidate only nominated for each of the seven positions and therefore are elected by a “White Ballot” with the terms commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

Thank you for your confidence in the team at Local 916. We promise to continue to work on your behalf for fair wages, good working conditions, and benefits that allow you to raise your families and look forward to the retirements you deserve.

Tony Barr
Local 916 Sponsors Fishing Tourney for Literacy

Local 916 was one of the sponsors of a brand new event in Springfield that will benefit local literacy programs.

The inaugural event of the Springfield Downtown Rotary Club’s Catfish Tournament was held on August 7th and drew teams with national recognition. The participants competed for more than $4,000 in prizes.

“The tournament raised $8,465 for literacy programs that will benefit both children and adults in central Illinois who can’t read,” said Tony Barr, Local 916 president. “We were delighted to be a part of this effort and salute the Rotary Club members who made it happen.”

Barr said it was a complete coincidence, but a good one, that the winner of the fishing tournament was a Local 916 member – Jerry Cline, II.

Congratulations to Local 916’s Jerry Cline, II!

Jerry Cline, II, and his son, Josh Cline, were the winners of the inaugural Springfield Downtown Rotary Catfish Tournament held on August 7. Jerry and Josh took first place with 38.9 lbs. total weight.
Teamster Concrete Workers Help With Landmark Park

Southwind Park for disabled citizens opened October 17 in Springfield

On 80 acres on the south edge of Springfield lies a newly christened park with a very special purpose. Southwind Park, designed to be 100% accessible to citizens with disabilities, opened October 17 with fanfare – bands, tram rides, and special events for children. It was a fitting celebration for a park that began with an idea several years ago.

“This is a real collaboration of so many different people. The unions have stepped up, the not-for-profits, the city, state, and federal government,” said Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin at the dedication. “I can’t think of any other project that took more participation to get where we are today. This is a real testament to the type of people we have here in Springfield.”

Teamsters from Capitol Ready Mix and Henry Nelch & Sons laid the concrete for the park, allowing wheelchairs to easily access the playground equipment, the new pavilion, and the lake. The trails were created with porous concrete, preventing runoff, one of the many environmentally-friendly features of the park. Future plans include a splash fountain, an amphitheater, and a simulated tree house.

Leo John Zappa, Sr.

Leo John Zappa, Sr., 80, of Springfield, passed away September 9, 2010. Zappa, a U.S. Army veteran, was a former building manager for the Illinois Department of Transportation and a lifelong member of Teamsters Local 916.

Our sympathies to his wife, Katherine, and his three sons and their families.
Congratulations to Our IDOT Teamsters!

**Division of Traffic Safety wins federal Leadership Award**

The plaque displayed at IDOT headquarters reads, in part: *In recognition of the most comprehensive and effective compliance review program for fiscal year 2009. It was awarded to IDOT’s Division of Traffic Safety at the 2010 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 5th annual conference in Austin, Texas. It’s the first award of this type ever received by the State of Illinois.*

The federal government awards grants to states for efforts to improve the quality and productivity of their commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement programs. For the 2010 award, the Illinois program was compared to the accomplishments of the 10 largest programs in the United States.

“The program recognized was developed and carried out by the more than 30 motor carrier safety specialists in the Division of Traffic Safety and those specialists are Teamsters and our members,” said Tony Barr, Local 916 president. “The roads in Illinois are safer due to their efforts and they deserve this recognition.”

**Division 6 Pro Techs Honored by IDOT**

**Robert Ward, Steve Beran, Dan Miacnik receive top awards**

On October 5, The Hall at Local 916 headquarters was, fittingly, where IDOT chose to hand out its annual employee recognition awards for members of Division 6.

**Dan Miacnik** in the Bureau of Program Development was named the 2009 Engineer of the Year.

Two Pro Techs in the Bureau of Operations were named Employee of the Year – **Steve Beran** for 2009, and **Robert Ward** for 2008.

The Division 6 Studies and Plans Section in the Bureau of Program Development was honored as the 2009 Work Unit of the Year. **John Negangard** accepted the award on behalf of the unit and his co-workers.

Congratulations to all Division 6 Awardees!

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2008 **Employee of the Year**
Robert Ward, *Bureau of Operations*

2009 **Employee of the Year**
Steve Beran, *Bureau of Operations*

2009 **Work Unit of the Year**
Division 6 Studies and Plans Section
*Bureau of Program Development*

2009 **Engineer of the Year**
Dan Miacnik, *Bureau of Program Development*

**30-Year Service Employee Awards**
Bob Vonachen, *Bureau of Program Development*
Mark Burns, *Project Implementation*
Lisa Catalano-Bechtel
Steven Roethe, *Bureau of Project Implementation*
Ricky Cox, *Bureau of Operations*

**25-Year Service Employee Awards**
Monica Cimarossa, *Bureau of Admin. Services*
Bill Jacquot, *Bureau of Administrative Services*
James Thompson, *Bureau of Operations*
Ron Archambau, *Bureau of Project Implemen.*
Carl Severino, *Bureau of Project Implementation*
Greg Sparks, *Bureau of Program Development*
Kevin McGlennon, *Bureau of Project Implemen.*
Todd Boyd, *Bureau of Operations*
Robert Browning, *Bureau of Operations*
Robert Ward, *Bureau of Operations*
The “Little Guy” is Losing in American Politics

By Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa

If you understand politics as a battle between liberal and conservative, then you don’t understand politics at all. The central political battle today is between the corporate billionaires on one side and the little guy on the other. The fight is about whether the government should protect corporate power to enrich a few billionaires, or restrict corporate power to protect the liberty and property of the average American.

I’ll tell you who is winning: It isn’t the little guy.

Corporate power explains why the U.S. hasn’t made the transformation to renewable energy. It’s why we can’t trust our food, drugs, or toys to be safe. It’s why we’re struggling to develop new industries. It’s why workers’ wages have stagnated or fallen over the past decade and why so many families are losing their homes.

It’s why so many jobs moved offshore so quickly. U.S. multinationals now employ one-third of their work force overseas.

For all those tea partiers who believe in individual freedom and smaller government, I have a message for you. Concentration of wealth in too few hands will lead to extraordinary abuses of power and the destruction of your property and liberty.

It’s the banks, not the government, that are taking people’s homes away from them without even making sure they have the right to foreclose on them. Last month, Jason Grodensky paid cash for a home in Florida, only to have the bank sell it out from under him in a foreclosure “mistake.”

Just the other day, Nancy Jacobini was alone inside her Florida home when she heard someone breaking into her front door. She locked herself in the bathroom and called 911. It turns out the intruder was someone who worked for JP Morgan Chase. He was changing the locks on her home, something he had no legal right to do.

The corporate billionaires will say the banks can correct their own behavior. The little guy will say the government needs to make sure they don’t do it again. It makes no sense to describe one as “liberal” and the other as “conservative.” It’s the many of us vs. the few of them.

We’ll see which side prevails on Nov. 2.

Teamsters License Plates

The Illinois Secretary of State’s office allows organizations such as the Teamsters to purchase special license plates bearing the union name and logo. The catch is, it requires at least 1,500 requests before the first batch of plates are produced. If you interested in the plates, you can make a request with the Illinois Secretary of State’s office at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.
NOVEMBER 2010

Wed., November 10th – Quincy Holiday Party – 6-8 pm – Stoney Creek Inn, Quincy
Thurs., November 18th – Membership Meeting – 6 pm – The Hall

DECEMBER 2010

Thurs., December 16th – Membership Meeting – 6 pm – The Hall
Sat., December 18th – Local 916 Holiday Party – 6-8 pm – Northfield Inn, Springfield

JANUARY 2011

Thurs., January 20th – Membership Meeting – 6 pm – The Hall